IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA ROANOKE DIVISION

DENNY C. MELTON,) CASE NO. 7:16CV00541
Petitioner,) ·
)
v.) FINAL ORDER
)
HAROLD W. CLARKE,) By: Hon. Michael F. Urbanski
Respondent.) Chief United States District Judge

In accordance with the accompanying memorandum opinion, it is hereby

ADJUDGED AND ORDERED

that the motion to dismiss (ECF No. 18) is **GRANTED**, the petition for a writ of habeas corpus, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, is **DISMISSED**, and the clerk shall **STRIKE** this action from the active docket of the court.

Further, finding that petitioner has failed to make a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right as required by 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1), a certificate of appealability is **DENIED**.

ENTER: This // day of October, 2017.

Chief United States District Judge

(s/ Michael F. Urbanski